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of Lower Burrell December 4, 2023 **New Kensington**

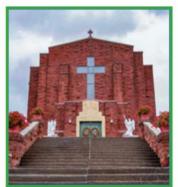
First Sunday of Advent





Saint Margaret Mary 3055 Leechburg Road Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m. Sunday ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Daily Mass: (Monday - Thursday) 7:30 a.m.



Mount Saint Peter 100 Freeport Road New Kensington, PA 15068

Saturday ~ 4:30 p.m. Sunday ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Daily Mass: (Tuesday - Friday) 8:30 a.m.



Saint Joseph 1125 Leishman Avenue New Kensington, PA 15068

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m. Sunday ~ 9:30 a.m. Daily Mass: (Monday - Wednesday, Friday) 12:30 p.m.



Saint Mary of Czestochowa 857 Kenneth Avenue New Kensington, PA 15068 Sunday ~ 7:30 & 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass: Monday ~ 8:30 a.m. Thursday ~ 12:30 p.m. Friday ~ 9:30 a.m.

Your presence here makes all the difference!

QR CODES

Below are QR codes that will link you to the Lower Burrell and New Kensington website.

You will find the details to all events and answers to your questions listed on the website.

Point your smart phone at the QR code for more parish information on the Lower Burrell website.

Point your smart phone at the QR code for more parish information on the New Kensington website.





SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Considering entry into the Catholic Church? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least **nine months** in advance for information and scheduling.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

12 noon - Saturdays at MSP 1:00 p.m. - Saturdays at St. Margaret Mary

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact Father Ken, Father Joel or Father Bimbot to request the sacrament.

MINISTRY OF HOME VISITATION

Contact the Parish Office at 724-335-9877 or the Sisters of Mary Immaculate at 724-845-2828.

The Eucharistic Table

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SATURDA	Y, Decemb	per 2, 2023		
12 noon	MSP	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Bimbot	
1:00 pm	SMM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Joel	
3:00 pm	MSP	Baptism - Francis Xavier Pessolano, III	Father Bimbot	
3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary		
4:00 pm	SJ	Edward (Butch) Rayburg, Adam & Dorothy Rayburg (Family)	Father Joel	
4:00 pm	SMM	Earnest & Pauline Seinera (Family)	Father Ken	
4:30 pm	MSP	Deceased of the Focareta Family (Terry & Lynette Focareta)	Father Bimbot	
SUNDAY,	Decembe	r 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent		
7:00 am	SM	Rosary		
7:30 am	SM	Lawrence & Bernadine Cybach (Rita Sieczkowski & Marcia Wroblewski)	Father Joel	
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary		
8:30 am	MSP	Deceased Members of Tamburo, Clark & Acone Families (Family)	Father Bimbot	
8:30 am	SMM	Mass for Congregation	Father Ken	
9:30 am	SJ	Louis, Lillian & Kenneth Barkowski (Larry & Kathy Barkowski)	Father Joel	
10:30 am	MSP	Anna Mae Guida (Sisters, Lee & Patty)	Father Bimbot	
11:00 am	SMM	Benjamin & Domenic Moret (Family)	Father Ken	
12 noon	SMM	Baptism - Scarlett Ann Fitzsimmons		
11:00 am	SM	Rosary		
11:30 am	SM	Jim Rawlinson (Family)	Father Joel	
MONDAY,	Decemb	er 4, 2023 - St. John Damascene		
7:30 am	SMM	Deceased Members of Bindas & Swanderski Families (Rick & Terry DeMoss)	Father Joel	
8:30 am	SM	Dorothy Perdeus (Alumni & Friends of SM)	Father Bimbot	
12:30 pm	SJ	Dorothy Nee (Mr. & Mrs. Pat Conroy)	Father Ken	
TUESDAY, December 5, 2023				
7:30 am	SMM	Deceased Members of the Golden Family (Arlene Golden)	Father Joel	
8:30 am	MSP	Jack L. Walters, Sr. (St. Anthony Guild)	Father Bimbot	
12:30 pm	SJ	George Joseph (Friends of Sisters of Mary Immaculate)	Father Ken	
2:00 pm	MSP	Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour of Mercy/Reposition	Father Bimbot	
WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2023 - St. Nicholas				
7:30 am	SMM	John Rykaceski (Wife, Marge & Family)	Father Joel	
8:30 am	MSP	Nancy Kristofik (Trudy Polsinelli)	Father Bimbot	
12:30 pm	SJ	John Sensi (Carolyn, Maria & Brennan)	Father Ken	
THURSDAY, December 7, 2023 - St. Ambrose				
7:30 am	SMM	Collin Feeney (Family)	Father Joel	
8:30 am	MSP	John M. Scheck (Cheryl L. Scheck)	Father Bimbot	

SM

12:30 pm

John Lawrence (Stephanie & Michael Gracey)

Father Ken

The Eucharistic Table

FRIDAY, December 8, 2023 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
7:30 am	SMM	Helen Kolakowski (Ed & Lori Kolalkowski)	Father Ken	
8:30 am	MSP	Angelo Lorelli (Family)	Father Bimbot	
9:30 am	SM	Irene Karrs (St. Mary Christian Mothers)	Father Joel	
12:30 pm	SJ	Joseph & Dorothy Nee (Mr. & Mrs. Pat Conroy)	Father Bimbot	
6:00 pm	SMM	Peggy Gonzales (SMM Music Ministry)	Father Joel	

SATURDAY, December 9, 2023 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

12 noon	MSP	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Joel
1:00 pm	SMM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Bimbot
3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Alan & Roberta Delmastro (Arvay Family)	Father Ken
4:00 pm	SMM	Deceased Members of Kaniecki & Kish Families (Dennis & Laura Kish)	Father Bimbot
4:30 pm	MSP	Charles M. Szajna (Wife, Kathryn)	Father Joel

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Lillian F. Pfeifer (Daugher, Lillian G. Pfeifer)	Father Ken
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	Satamo Enciso (Wife, Jane & Family)	Father Joel
8:30 am	SMM	Herbert & Anna Saylor (Schoepf & Saylor Families)	Father Bimbot
9:30 am	SJ	Father Tony Gargotta (Maria Novak)	Father Ken
10:30 am	MSP	Anthony Pignatelli (Wife & Children)	Father Joel
11:00 am	SMM	Joe Arteritano (Family)	Father Bimbot
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	Michael, Cecilia, and Geraldine Mazgaj (Family)	Father Ken

MARIAN CONSECRATION 2023

Dear Fellow Marian Travelers,

Our journey is almost at an end. These final five days are a recap of the many pearls of wisdom given to us by four great Marian saints. Whether the passion of St. Louis speaks to some of us, or the thirst of St. Mother Teresa touches the heart of others, we hopefully have grown in our spiritual lives

over the past month. Please bring your book to Mass on December 8; the consecration prayer is on page 137. May all of us experience a *Glorious New Morning* on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

ADVENT REGIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Everyone is highly encouraged to attend one of these services as there are no Saturday confessions at Mount Saint Peter on December 16. No Saturday confessions also at either Saint Margaret Mary or Mount Saint Peter on December 23 and 30.

Wednesday, December 13 1:00 PM St. Joseph, New Kensington

Friday, December 15 6:30 PM St. James, Apollo

Saturday, December 16 1:00 PM St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 PM St. Gertrude, Vandergrift

Take part in the Regional Reconciliation Services or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

BAPTISM

Last weekend, we welcomed into the saving waters of Baptism:

Nicolas Raymond Andrade and Halle Grace Ketterer, St. Margaret Mary

We rejoice with their parents and with all who celebrate their newborn lives in the family of God.

IN SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers Leonard (Skeets) Paletta and Rosemary Pleva, Mount St. Peter

Alfred Aiello, Betty Ann Alfonsi, Victor Ardito and Luanne Wohleber, St. Margaret Mary

who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, **December 8** in observance of The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lower Burrell Parish

(St. Margaret Mary)
A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday Ba December 3

Baptism

cember 3 Scarlett Ann Fitzsimmons

12 NN Church

Church

Commissioning of All EMHC

(including homebound)
At Mass

Tuesday Men's Bible Study Group

December 5 6:30 AM Lobby

Advent Reflection

10:00 AM-12NN Freude Room

Adult Handbell Rehearsal

5:00 PM-6:30 PM Church

Wednesday Middle & High School Youth Group
December 6 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Room B-1

Adult Choir

6:45 PM-8:45 PM Church

Thursday Confirmation Class

December 7 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Room B-1

Friday Parish Office Closed

December 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception

Sunday Change for Haiti December 10 After Masses

Donut Social

After 8:30 AM Mass Narthex

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11Tuesday:Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24Wednesday:Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37Thursday:Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



New Kensington Parishes

(Mt. St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Mary)

A Peek at the Week. . .

Sunday December 3 Commissioning of All EMHC (including homebound)

At Masses Churches
MSP Addolorata Advent Luncheon
11:30 AM Marble Hall
SM Christian Mothers Christmas

Party

12 NN-4:00 PM

Friendship Hall

Monday Faith First

December 4 6:00 PM MQA-Freeport Road

Comfort Blanket Ministry

6:30 PM Library

Ezekial 37 Prayer Group

7:00 PM MQA-Greenwald

Tuesday Community Clothes Closet

December 5 12:00NN-2:00 PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 PM MSP Disciples' Center

Wednesday MSP Food Bank Distribution

December 6 9:00 AM Marble Hall

Thursday Grab n Go Meal

December 7 5:30 PM Knead Community Café

Friday Parish Office Closed

December 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception

Fruit Basket Assembly

9:00 AM Office Kitchen

Saturday Fruit Basket Distribution

December 9 9:00 AM Marble Hall

Harvest for Haiti

After Mass MSP Church

Sunday Harvest for Haiti

December 10 After Masses Church

Pierogi, Stuffed Cabbage & Haluski

Sale

After Masses SM Friendship Hall St. Anthony Guild Christmas Party 11:30 AM Marble Hall



ADVENT REFLECTION

Busy holiday schedule? Take some time to reflect on the coming of Christ this Advent season! We will meet for the final reflection on **Tuesday, December 5**. We will pray and reflect on the joyful mysteries of the rosary, and how to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ this Christmas season. We will meet at St. Margaret Mary from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NN in the Freude Room. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Heather Hensley in the Parish Office.

Father Ken's Advent Note

Will the ability to receive from the "cup" the Precious Blood return to our Parishes? The short answer is, it is up to you.

Bishop Kulick has decided that the option for the faithful to receive Holy Communion under both species is to be permitted starting the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024. Bishop Kulick has also informed the priests of the diocese that although the option for reception of the Precious Blood is being restored, it is not required that every parish pastor implement this option. With the option that pastors can restore this practice or not restore this action in their parish, I believe that it is really up to the parishioners in each of our four parishes individually to have this practice restored.

What does that mean? Before COVID, the practice of receiving Communion under both species occurred in each of our four parishes. Unfortunately, COVID and its aftermath not only decimated the number of our parish parishioners it also decimated our pool of Eucharistic Ministers. This decrease in Eucharistic Ministers was camouflaged by the fact that without offering the Precious Blood as a Communion option since COVID, we needed only half the ministers that we did prior to COVID. It is also noteworthy that our pool of Eucharistic Ministers needed just to "hand out" the "Body of Christ" is a pool too small to satisfy our scheduling needs. Many, if not most, of our Eucharistic Ministers serve even when not scheduled because they can see that we are short Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

Getting back to the practice of offering Communion under both species can only occur if with a lot of additional helpers called new Eucharistic Ministers. The ability to receive from the "cup"--, the Precious Blood in any one of our four parishes or in all of our four parishes, is clearly up to each individual parish. I would love to have this practice restored in all our parishes, but it cannot without new helpers, new Eucharistic Ministers. The practice to restore the option of receiving the Blood of Christ at Mass will start in each parish at or after the start date set by Bishop Kulick as each parish acquires the ministers needed to start the option.

To be a Eucharistic Minister, you must be over the age of 18, a Catholic in good standing, have received all the sacraments of initiation, and must be willing to comply with the Diocese of Greensburg's Protecting God's Children policy. If you are willing to become a new Eucharistic Minister, please fill out the form below and mail in to Father Ken at either St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3055 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068 or Mount Saint Peter Parish, 100 Freeport Road, New Kensington, PA 15068.

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I, would love to become a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion and would be willing to serve my brother/sister in the parish of
I understand that being a Eucharistic Minister means that at times I will be offering the Body of Christ and at times the Blood of Christ. I also understand that on those times that I offer the Blood of Christ that I am also willing to consume whatever amount of the Blood of Christ is left in my chalice after all who wish to partake of the cup have been served. Please sign your name to this statement, which marks that you are willing to live up to the mandate of the statement. Please sign affirming this statement
I am also willing to follow the policy of the Diocese in Protecting God's Children, and will participate willing in obtaining the needed clearances. Please sign affirming this statement
Please Print:
Name
Address
Phone Number E-mail address

November 11/12, 2023 - Collection Report

Mount Saint Peter	
Offertory	\$ 8,185.75
Weekly EFT	\$ 2,442.00
Diocese DPR/CRS	\$ 459.00



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Saint Mary of Czestochowa	
Offertory	\$ 4,202.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 265.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 443.00
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Saint Margaret Mary	
Offertory	\$ 16,152.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 3,272.00
Ret. Religious/DPR	\$160/\$225
Cath. Rel./Food Bank	\$265/\$275
Other Misc.	\$ 811.00





Saint Joseph

Diocese DPR/CRS

Offertory

Weekly EFT

A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Many thanks to all who purchased pepperoni rolls from the **Mount Saint Peter Addolorate** Society. This first time endeavor

\$ 2,738.00

175.00

327.00

of selling the pepperoni rolls from Sunseri's has worked out very well. We are thankful and grateful for all help in meeting our goal. **Buon Natali!**



FOOD SALE

Pierogi, stuffed cabbage rolls and haluski will be available for sale on Sunday, December 10 after Masses

in St. Mary Friendship Hall. Pierogi will be sold for \$12/dozen, stuffed cabbage rolls are 3/\$12 and haluski is \$8/quart.



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Deadline for bulletin submissions for Sunday, December 10 is Monday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SMM Parish: Phone: 724-335-2336

Website: www.smmlb.org

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Caden James Fantuzzo with parents: Michael and Sarah

Fr. Ken and Godparents: Lee & Rachel Grandovic



SET-UP HELP NEEDED

The Art and Environment
Committee is asking for help in
setting up the outside Nativity set on
Saturday, December 9 at 8:30 am.
The Nativity needs moved from the
garage to in in front of the Parish Center.



Please contact Linda McAlpine at 724-448-8717 if you can assist.



JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

Join us on Sunday, December 17 immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass for an afternoon of family fun. Fr. Ken will read the children the Nativity story. Families will make

Christmas ornaments to decorate the tree in the Narthex. St. Nicholas will also stop by to pass out treats to the children. Light refreshments will be served.

To ensure adequate supplies, please sign up today on the parish website or by signing the sheet located at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

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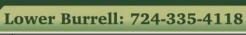
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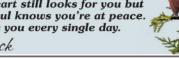
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